



PETERBOROUGH YACHT CLUB

RULES 1995

Approved by Annual General Meeting
13th March 1995.

(Incorporating subsequent amendments to 8th March 2020)

1. NAME AND OBJECT

The name of the Club is The Peterborough Yacht Club and the burgee of the Club will be blue with blue letters, PYC, on a white circle within a red circle.

2. The object for which the Club is formed is to promote all classes of boating and comradeship on the water.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

All persons whether the owners of a yacht or boat or not who are interested in boating are eligible for membership.

4. A candidate for membership shall send to the Honorary Secretary a form setting out his or her name and address and any other particulars the general committee shall require and containing the signatures of two full members in support as proposer and seconder. The said form shall be prominently displayed in the Club premises for at least two days before the election takes place.

5. a) Election of candidates to membership shall take place at a meeting duly convened for that purpose. Candidates may, and on the request of any one member of the general committee shall, be elected by ballot.

b) A newly elected member shall not during their first 12 months of membership nominate any person for membership, nor nominate or be nominated for any Office or for the General Committee. (Added 8.3.2015)

6. The Club on the recommendation of the general committee may in general meeting elect honorary members and Honorary Life Members but the total of such honorary members shall not at any one time exceed five per cent of the total number of full members. (Amended 15.3.2009)

7. Any member desirous of retiring from the Club shall notify his intention to the Honorary Secretary on or before the 21st March otherwise he shall be liable for the next year's subscription.

On termination of membership for whatever reason any boat or other chattel of said member must be removed, by the member, from Club premises prior to the last day of membership. Any boat or chattel not removed three months after termination of membership will be deemed to have been abandoned and will be disposed of by the club.

(Amended 7.3.2010)

8. Every member on joining the Club impliedly undertakes to comply with these rules and any refusal or neglect to do so or any conduct which in the opinion of the general committee is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interest of the Club shall render a member liable to expulsion, or suspension for a period not exceeding six months by the general committee as laid down in rule 18 c) providing that before expelling or suspending a member, such committee shall call upon him for an explanation of his conduct and give him an opportunity of defending himself or of resigning his membership.

The vote on a resolution for expulsion shall be by ballot and the resolution shall only be carried if not less than three-quarters of the members of the general committee present vote in favour of the resolution.

9. DATA PROTECTION ACT (1984).

Membership details may be kept on a computer.

NOTE The club is currently exempt from registration under Data Protection legislation.

10. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

There shall be an entrance fee of such sum as the general committee shall from time to time prescribe.

The Annual Subscription payable on election and on the 1st of April in each year shall be of such sums as the members in general meeting shall from time to time prescribe. Until otherwise prescribed they shall be as from the 1st April 2020.

Entry Fee -	Associate members	£50.00
	Full members	£100.00
Full Membership (Joint)		£72.00
Full Membership (Single)		£48.00
Associate Membership		£36.00
Chalet Owner (Additional)		£72.00
Initial Mooring Fee		£300.00
Mooring Fee, per foot, overall boat length, per annum		£5.50

For other fees, charges etc. see By-laws

NOTE: The above fees are exclusive of V.A.T. which will be an addition if applicable under the current regulations.

(Amendments to 8.3.2020)

11. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP.

a) Full Membership (Joint) covers partner and children up to the age of 18, and entitles member and partner to the full amenities of the Club. It also carries a vote for both member and partner at General Meetings.

b) Full Membership (single) entitles the member to the full amenities of the Club and carries a vote at General Meetings.

c) Associate Membership entitles the member (and partner if any) to the full amenities of the Club except under the rules hereafter but does not carry the right to vote at General Meetings or to take office in the Club.

d) A chalet site will only be allocated to a member who pays a full membership subscription and who will pay an additional subscription for the privilege.

e) Life membership is available to individuals who have been full members for a minimum of ten years. The fee shall be ten times the Full Member's subscription in force at the time the application is approved by the General Committee. (The Committee may delay acceptance of applications for financial reasons should such a course seem prudent.)

e) Honorary Life Membership entitles the member to the full amenities of the Club and carries a vote at General Meetings (Amended 15.3.2009)

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a) Any member who has not paid his subscription by the 1st day of May may be removed from the list of members by the General Committee. A member's name may be restored at the discretion of the General Committee on payment of the appropriate Entrance Fee and subscription plus all arrears.

b) No member shall in any year be entitled to exercise any rights or privileges until his entrance fee and subscription for that year and all arrears are paid.

c) A member elected after the 1st of January in any year who shall have paid his subscription for that year shall not be required to pay any subscription for the following subscription year.

13. VOLUNTARY WORK.

All Full Members under the age of 72 who are fit and able to help at the club are expected to carry out a minimum of 15 hours voluntary work each boating year.

14. OFFICERS.

a) The officers of the Club shall consist of a Commodore, a Vice Commodore, a Rear Commodore, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, an Assistant General Secretary and a Harbour Master. The Officers other than the Rear Commodore shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. The Retiring Officers shall be eligible for re-election. The Rear Commodore shall be the Immediate Past Commodore. **(Amended 6.3.1999, 15.3.2009 and 8.3.2015)**

At the first Committee meeting after the Annual General Meeting each year the Committee shall appoint a full member to act as Assistant Harbour Master and a full member to act as Assistant Treasurer.

b) No candidate for election to any office (other than the retiring officers) shall be proposed unless the name of such a candidate and of his proposer and seconder shall have been received by the Honorary Secretary before noon on the 14th day of January.

c) No full member who is a serving officer of any other boating club shall be eligible for nomination as an officer of the P.Y.C.

d) If a candidate for Office is unopposed, support by a show of hands from the General Meeting of at least 25% is necessary to confirm the appointment. *(Added 13.3.2016)*

15. GENERAL COMMITTEE.

a) The General Committee shall consist of the officers ex officio and not more than twelve members of the Club elected by the Club in General Meeting. Members so elected hold office for a maximum period of three years, one third retire annually, and may seek re-election.

b) Candidates for election to the General Committee shall be those members of the retiring general committee who shall offer themselves for re-election and such other full members of the Club whose nominations duly proposed and seconded by members of the Club in writing shall have been received by the Honorary Secretary before noon on the 14th day of January.

c) If a casual vacancy occurs by death or resignation the general committee may co-opt a member to fill the vacancy. Any member of the general committee attending less than six committee meetings during the year shall be deemed to have resigned.

d) If the number of candidates duly proposed and seconded exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled the election shall be by ballot.

e) No full member who is a serving officer or committee member of any other boating club shall be eligible for nomination as a committee member of the P.Y.C.

f) If a candidate for Committee is unopposed, support by a show of hands from the General Meeting of at least 25% is necessary to confirm the appointment. *(Added 13.3.2016)*

16. SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

A "Special Committee" means a committee consisting of not more than 12 members of the Club elected by the Club in general meeting to sit on the committee until the end of the next Annual General Meeting. Sub-rules 15 b),c),d) and e) shall apply to any Special Committee as well as to the general committee.

NOTE: The Bar Committee is a special committee of not more than four members.

17. SUB-COMMITTEES.

The general committee may appoint and disband sub committees to assist in the organisation of social events or for any other purpose provided that such sub committees are constituted solely of full members, and that the general committee retains full authority for implementation of recommendations made by sub committees.

18. MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB.

a) The affairs of the Club shall be wholly managed by the general committee according to these rules. Such committee shall apply the funds of the Club in such manner as complies with sub-rule b) of this rule and shall make such by-laws, rules and regulations as it thinks fit as to the management of any Club premises.

b) No money or property of the Club or any gain arising from the carrying on of the Club shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Club as a whole or for a benevolent or charitable purpose to be nominated by general meeting. When the estimated cost of any proposed major development to the Club or Club Property exceeds the total receipts of the previous year's subscriptions (excluding mooring fees), the decision to proceed should be taken by vote of members at the Annual General Meeting or at a general meeting.

c) All cases involving dispute, disciplinary and other contentious matters not provided for in these Rules shall be referred to the general committee, and their decision shall be final.

d) The members of the Club may in general meeting reserve the management of such affairs as they think fit to general meeting and/or special committee.

e) The financial year of the Club shall end on the 31st day of December and it shall be the responsibility of the Honorary Treasurer to keep a complete and accurate account of the Club's finances. A banking account shall be kept in the name of the Club. The Commodore, the Vice Commodore, the Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be authorised to sign cheques and withdrawal slips. The signature of the Treasurer countersigned by that of either the Commodore, the Vice Commodore, or the Secretary shall be accepted as valid. **(Amended 6.3.1999)**

19. At the Annual General Meeting in each year there shall be appointed an independent Qualified Accountant whose duty it shall be to prepare the accounts of the Club for the then current year. A certified copy of the accounts shall be prominently displayed in the Club premises immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting. In the event of the appointed Accountant being unwilling or unable to act the general committee shall appoint a substitute.

20. There shall be not more than four trustees of the Club. The first trustees shall be appointed by the committee and the property of the Club (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the committee shall from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence). The trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. The trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by resolution of the committee

who may for any reason which may seem sufficient to the majority of them present and voting at any meeting remove any trustee or trustees from the office of trustee. Where by reason of any such death, or resignation or removal the committee shall deem it expedient to appoint an additional trustee or additional trustees the committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new trustee or trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Commodore is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and he shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee as the new trustee or trustees of the Club and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment shall in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club or the Committee be conclusive evidence of the fact such stated.

21. GENERAL MEETINGS.

An Annual General Meeting shall be held on some day in the month of February or March each year. No business (except the passing of accounts and the election of officers, general committee and the appointment of an independent Qualified Accountant, and any business that the general committee may order to be inserted in the notice convening the meeting) shall be discussed at such meeting unless notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary before noon on the 14th day of January prior to such meeting.

22.a) The general committee may at any time call a general meeting of the Club for any specific business. The discussion at such general meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the notice sent to members.

b) Thirty full members (or if the total full membership is less than 150 - one fifth of the said total) may join together to summon or cause the Honorary Secretary to summon by notice as hereinafter mentioned a general meeting.

23.a) The Honorary Secretary shall at least 14 days clear before the date of the Annual General Meeting or any general meeting post or deliver to each member notice thereof and the business to be brought forward thereat.

b) At the Annual General Meeting or a general meeting of the Club each member (other than an Honorary Member or Associate Member) shall have one vote; honorary members shall be entitled to attend such meetings but shall have no vote. In case of equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

24. General meeting may at any time without reason given remove any member from any position which he or she may hold within the Club or its committees.

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26. SUPPLY OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

a) The purchase for the Club and the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor shall be exclusively controlled by general meeting or by a Bar Committee of not more than four members which shall be elected in accordance with rule 16.

b) Subject to any provisions to the contrary contained in the Licensing Acts the permitted hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied to, and consumed by members on the Club premises shall be at such hours as the General Committee shall from time to time prescribe within the following: "The hours fixed are the permitted hours by the Local Licensing Authority".
(Amended 5.3.2000)

27. HOUSE RULES.

The use of e-cigarettes and similar devices is prohibited in the clubhouse and Annex

28. VISITORS.

Visitors to the Club will be admitted only if accompanied by a member, unless the written permission of the committee is first obtained. The Visitors Book must be signed by the visitor and the member immediately on arrival. No person over the age of 16 may visit the Club property on more than six occasions in any period of twelve months.

(Amended 5.3.2000)

29. VISITING YACHTSMEN.

A member of any club recognised by The Royal Yachting Association, Association of Waterways Cruising Clubs (lists whereof are contained in the Year Books of the said Associations) and the Association of Nene River Clubs may be authorised to use the premises and visitors moorings for a period not exceeding 14 days by any member of the general committee.

NOTES: Visiting yachtsmen are required to 'sign in' with details of their club.

The 14 day permission may be extended by the Harbour Master or General Committee.

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31. TEMPORARY MEMBERS.

The committee may at its discretion admit persons to temporary membership for a period not exceeding one month. Election to temporary membership shall be in accordance with Rule 4.

32. Intoxicating liquor may be sold to or for consumption on the premises by those persons over the age of 18 who are entitled to the use of the premises of the Club in accordance with Rules 29, and 31.

33. The Honorary Secretary or any other person who has received the authority of two members of the general committee may expel temporarily or permanently any person who has the right to the use of the Club only under Rules 28, 29, and 31.

34. The Officer of the Day, or in his absence, the person responsible for the Bar, shall have the authority to require any person adjudged to be guilty of disorderly conduct to leave the Club premises. The Officer of the Day shall then report the circumstances to the next Committee meeting which shall deal with the situation according to rule.

35. CLUB PREMISES AND PROPERTY.

The gates at the railway level crossing on the private road leading to the Club premises must be closed and locked by each member after passing through. All other doors and gates on the Club premises must be similarly closed and locked after use. Members failing to observe this rule will be held responsible for any damage caused thereby to Club property or to the property of a third party.

36. Members shall refrain from any action which will depreciate the natural amenities of the Club premises. Any essential clearing of frontages may be carried out with the authority of the general committee. Members are expected to maintain and keep mown the frontage in the vicinity of their moorings.

37. No boats, heavy structures, or weighty articles shall be left on, or placed upon the river bank, or in such a position that the roadway is obstructed.

38. No buildings or other structures shall be erected or placed upon the Club premises except with the written permission of the general committee.

39. Any member wishing to employ heavy plant (such as tractor, crane, etc.) on the Club premises shall obtain permission in writing from the general committee before so doing.

40. Members may store sails and other gear in the Club premises at their own risk subject to the supervision and consent of the general committee.

41. The slipway equipment shall not be used except under the supervision of the slipway committee.

42. The Club House shall have a frontage of 80 feet, and no boats shall be moored permanently along the Club House frontage.

43. Club property shall under no circumstances be taken away from the Club premises without the permission of the general committee.

44. Keys to the Club premises (one gate) will be loaned to members on a returnable deposit. Such keys are Club property and must be returned to the Secretary should a member resign. Keys are not transferable, and must not be copied. Key(s) to be safely held by the member and must not be handed, on loan, to any other person.

45. Any member wishing to use a car on the roadway East of the main car park should use the park to the East of the Club house or the park at the eastern boundary

46. Club members having items (trailer etc.) on Club premises shall have that property clearly marked with their name.

47. MOORINGS.

a) Full members requiring a mooring shall make application to the Harbour Master. No boat will be accepted without the approval of the Harbour Master

Moorings will not be allocated for small boats which can properly be accommodated in the dinghy park, nor shall finger moorings be allocated for boats of more than fifty five feet registered length. No vessel exceeding fifty seven feet in registered length shall be allocated any mooring.

(Members are advised to discuss any proposed change of boat with the Harbourmaster, and that moorings to accommodate boats in excess of eleven feet overall beam, or fifty feet overall length are, and will continue to be, very scarce.)

(Amended 15.3.2009)

Allocated moorings which remain unused by the first day of July may be re-allocated to members on the waiting list for a mooring. The Harbour Master shall inform the mooring holder of the intention to re-allocate. In the event of a dispute that remains unresolved the matter shall be referred to the general committee whose decision shall be final. Members wishing to change their mooring should apply to the Harbour Master in writing.

b) Charges for allocated moorings will be at the rate detailed in Rule 10. In addition an initial fee as detailed in Rule 10 will be charged on first allocation of a mooring. The annual mooring fee will be payable until the end of the year in which the mooring holder informs the Harbour Master that the mooring is no longer required.

c) No vessel shall use a mooring or the clubhouse frontage unless it has valid authority to be on the River Nene. All members' boats must be licensed and insured. These details should be furnished to the Harbour Master as should details of any change of boat.

(Amended 3.3.2012)

d) Any member who has not paid his/her mooring fees by 1st May will be removed from the register and the mooring reallocated. A member's boat may be re-registered at the discretion of the general committee on payment of the appropriate fees, together with any arrears.

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49. GENERAL BOATING RULES.

All races shall be sailed under the rules of the I.Y.R.U., R.Y.A. and the appropriate class Association except where modified by the Club sailing instructions.

50. Before taking out a Club boat members must be in possession of a certificate signed by the Commodore stating they are competent to do so.

51. All members must wear life jackets or buoyancy aids when taking part in racing or other organized water activities and at other times if instructed by a Club officer or, in the case of children, by a their parents.

It is recommended that children and non-swimmers wear life jackets whilst on the water in open boats and whilst on the shore near the water.

The safety and behaviour of children is the responsibility of their parents or guardians.

(Amended 9.5.2004)

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53. NEW RULES, AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS.

a) Notice of any alteration or addition to the rules intended to be proposed by a member of the Club shall be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing before noon on the 14th day of January if the same is to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting or at least one month before any general meeting at which same is to be brought forward, and full particulars shall be set out in the notice convening the meeting.

b) All such proposed alterations or additions and any amendments to them which may be proposed and seconded shall be put to the vote of the following general meeting, and providing that on a show of hands, or, if demanded, on a poll, a majority of two thirds of the votes of those members present and voting shall be cast in favour of any proposed alterations or amendments then the same shall be deemed to be carried. The above to apply to all rules except rule 10, ~Fees and Subscriptions". Any propositions concerning rule 10 shall be discussed and put to the vote at the General Meeting at which the proposition is first published.

c) Any alterations, amendments and additions to the Club rules and/or alterations to Elected Officers shall be notified in writing to the Local Justices and Police Authority.